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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Security Officer

THROUGH : Director of Administration

SUBJECT : Dissemination of Information on AQUATONE

REFERENCES :

- A. SAPC-24833, 27 February 1958
- B. SAPC-24811, 3 March 1958

1. I strongly concur in [redacted] recommendation in 25X1
 reference A and Mr. Cunningham's endorsement thereof in reference B. Attached herewith is a memorandum I am sending to [redacted] which I 25X1
 hope will make clear our position in this matter.

25X1
 2. I have no recollection whatsoever of any grant of authority to [redacted] to clear additional people for either AQUATONE or TALENT on his own authority. Nevertheless, I do feel, for reasons set forth in the attached memorandum to him, that our administration of TALENT and AQUATONE clearances up to this time, and in particular our failure to make a clear distinction between the different but overlapping bodies of knowledge covered by them, has encouraged confusion. It is for this reason that I feel at least a part of [redacted] misunderstanding to be 25X1
 a natural one and that I have tried to explain our problem to him.

3. I cannot express too strongly my dissatisfaction with the looseness of our definition of the TALENT clearance. I can assure all the addressees of this memorandum that in the present state of mind at the top of this Government, one bad leak about the AQUATONE collection operation will not only destroy this Project but foreclose any others like it for a long time to come. I earnestly bespeak the cooperation of all concerned in tightening up our security even at this late hour.

(sgd) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.

RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.
Project Director

Attachment

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RMB: [redacted]

1-PSO

5-Dir Admin; Dir Ops; CO; Dir Materiel

2-TCO

6-Proj Dir

3-Dep Proj Dir

7-Proj Dir chrono

4-TSO

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